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DOI info on critical minerals and NPRA assessment

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All,

Just got off the phone with Andrea Travnicek:

Critical Minerals

They still don't know if the President will sign EO on Tuesday but are working that issue. DOI Comms has asked if USGS would be ready to release the minerals report on Monday whether or not the

Since you've been waiting for a year, I went out on a limb and said yes. I let Andrea know that Murray would be in Ireland but that Larry was available.

NPRA Assessment

Target release pushed back to Friday, Dec. 22nd

Bill W and I are to brief the Secretary at 10am on Monday (the Secretary is also going to raise a separate sensitive matter, so just Bill and I invited); they would, however, like to have Dave Houseknecht in the building and available should the Secretary pursue specific questions (Dave -- I'll figure out how close in the building you can be). We can use 3-4 page Powerpoint with disclaimer on the sheets if we like (sensitive, pre-release, not to be shared, etc.).

DOI wants a joint press release announcing both the USGS and BOEM assessments, so no separate USGS news release.

They want to be sure that libraries don't receive hard copies of the fact sheet ahead of the release.

More as I learn it...

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